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: FOOD PRODUCT TRACING SYSTEM, PROGRAM AND METHOD THEREOF

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-captioned application.

- ___ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ___ A Request for Extension of Time.

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RESPONSE TO EX PARTE QUAYLE OFFICIAL ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of December 8, 2003, in which a two-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on February 9, 2004 (February 8, 2004 being a Sunday), Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this Response.